Fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain mercury

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes are a great way to save energy. They use one-quarter less energy than incandescent lamps and are safe to use but contain mercury. Mercury is a toxic substance that can affect the brain and kidneys. It is especially harmful to children and pregnant women. If fluorescent lamps are disposed improperly or broken, mercury may be released into the environment, posing a health hazard.

Disposal regulations

The City of Seattle prohibits the disposal of fluorescent bulbs and tubes from any residential or commercial customer in the municipal solid waste or at the Seattle transfer stations. (Seattle Municipal Code 21.36.025 – Unlawful Disposal; 21.36.026 – Household Hazardous Waste; 21.36.029 – Small Quantity Generator)

In King County, the Waste Acceptance Rule for King County Solid Waste Division Solid Waste Handling Facilities (PUT 7-1-5 [PR]) prohibits the following products from disposal in the garbage or at King County transfer stations. Please recycle them.

- Fluorescent tubes
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)
- Universal waste lamps including, but not limited to, fluorescent, high intensity discharge (including mercury vapor, metal halide and high-pressure sodium) and neon lights.

Take it Back Network

The Take it Back Network is a partnership between King County, the City of Seattle, and Snohomish County solid waste agencies, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and retailers, manufacturers, haulers and recyclers.

The Network provides options for collecting burned out fluorescent bulbs and tubes and recycling the mercury and other components in a safe, efficient, and cost-effective manner.

Network members are committed to offering convenient and environmentally-sound recycling services. All local Network members have signed an agreement to handle all materials domestically or in developed countries. Upon request, Network members will provide customers with documentation about how and where their materials are recycled.

Fluorescent bulb and tube recycling instructions

The best way to handle burned out fluorescent bulbs and tubes is to recycle them.

See inside to find organizations that will accept fluorescent bulbs and tubes. Call ahead to verify acceptance policies, fees and hours of operation. Place your fluorescent bulbs and tubes in the original carton or packaging or a cardboard box to transport them safely.

Due to collection, transportation and processing costs, there is a charge for recycling burned out fluorescent bulbs and tubes. Recycling costs can be found on the Take it Back Network's Web site.

www.takeitbacknetwork.org











as part of the Local Hazardous
Waste Management Program
in King County

Company	Description of Services	Drop off	Pick up	Phone	E-mail/Web site	Hours	Fluor- escent bulbs		Other lamps
Ecolights Northwest, LLC	A recycler of fluorescent lamps, HID lamps, both PCB and non-PCB ballasts, and mercury thermostats. We provide storage/shipping containers, transportation, handling documents, and the final recycling, all handled by experienced staff. Ecolights Northwest can provide a competitive quote or information for any job in the Western U.S.	•	•	206-343-1247	sales@totalreclaim.com www.ecolights.com	Mon - Fri 8am-4:30 pm	-	•	U-tubes, circular, high intensity discharge lamps and other types.
Goods for the Planet 525 Dexter Avenue N, Seattle, WA 98109	Recycles lamps and tubes.	•		206-652-2327	www.goodsfortheplanet.com	Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 9am- 7pm, Sun 9am-6pm			
Greenwood True Value Hardware 7201 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103	Full service hardware store providing lawn and garden, paint, tools, plumbing and electrical supplies. \$.80 charge for fluorescent bulbs and tubes.			206-783-2900 Fax: 206-783-2901	ghw@greenwoodhardware.com www.greenwoodhardware.com	Mon - Fri 8am - 7pm, Sat 9am - 6pm, Sun 9am - 5pm		•	
Happy Hauler, LLC	Offers debris removal and recycling. Provides pick up of all types of electronics & fluorescent lamps.			206-784-0313 Fax: 206-784-9377	info@happyhauler.com www.happyhauler.com	Mon - Sun 8am - 6pm			All types
IKEA 600 SW 43rd Street, Renton, WA 98055	Swedish home furnishings.	•		425-656-2980 ext. 1364 Fax: 425-656-8104	royce.macginnitie@memo.ikea.com www.IKEA-usa.com/Seattle	Mon - Fri 10am - 10pm, Sat 9am - 10pm, Sun 9am - 9pm	•		
Kelsun Distributors, Inc. 13000 Bel-Red Rd, #206, Bellevue, WA 98005	Wholesale lighting distributors of lamps, tubes, ballasts, sockets of all types. Open to the public. Recycles many types of lamps and batteries.			425-453-1199 800-223-3808	www.kelsun.com	Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5pm			Metal halide, high pressure sodium, ballasts, HID.
Maple Leaf Ace Hardware 9000 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115	Hardware store that recycles fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs, cell phone batteries (batteries only, not the phone), and rechargeable batteries.			206-522-3324	www.mapleleaface.com	Mon - Sat 8am - 7pm, Sun 9am - 6pm		•	
McLendon Hardware, Inc. 23662 104th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031	Retail hardware, selling lighting fixtures and light bulbs.			253-850-2722	www.mclendons.com	All stores open 7 days per week. Hours vary by location. Call your nearest location.	•	•	U-tubes and circular tubes.
McLendon Hardware, Inc. 11307 Canyon Rd East, Puyallup, WA 98373	Retail hardware, selling lighting fixtures and light bulbs.			253-536-6560	www.mclendons.com	All stores open 7 days per week. Hours vary by location. Call your nearest location.	•	•	U-tubes and circular tubes.
McLendon Hardware, Inc. 440 Rainier Ave S., Renton, WA 98055	Retail hardware, selling lighting fixtures and light bulbs.			425-235-3555	www.mclendons.com	All stores open 7 days per week. Hours vary by location. Call your nearest location.	•	•	U-tubes and circular tubes.
McLendon Hardware, Inc. 1111 Fryar Ave., Sumner, WA 98390	Retail hardware, selling lighting fixtures and light bulbs.			253-863-2264	www.mclendons.com	All stores open 7 days per week. Hours vary by location. Call your nearest location.	•	•	U-tubes and circular tubes.
McLendon Hardware, Inc. 10210 16th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146	Retail hardware, selling lighting fixtures and light bulbs.			206-762-4090	www.mclendons.com	All stores open 7 days per week. Hours vary by location. Call your nearest location.	•		U-tubes and circular tubes.
McLendon Hardware, Inc. 17705 130th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072	Retail hardware, selling lighting fixtures and light bulbs.			425-485-1363 Fax: 206-281-9969	www.mclendons.com	All stores open 7 days per week. Hours vary by location. Call your nearest location.	•	•	U-tubes and circular tubes.
PC Recycle 13107 NE 20th, Bellevue, WA 98005	Recycles lamps, computers and all electronics.			425-881-4444	www.pcrecycle.net	Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10-5			
Philip Services Corp Georgetown Site 5400 Denver Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108	Recycles all types of lamps. Drop off at Georgetown and Kent locations during drop off days and times. Call or visit www.PhilipNOW.com to schedule an appointment.			800-228-7872 Fax: 425-204-7164	www.PhilipNOW.com	2nd Thursday & Last Tuesday of each month, 9am-2pm by appointment.	•	•	All types
Philip Services Corp Kent Site - 20245 77th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032	Recycles all types of lamps. Drop off at Georgetown and Kent locations during drop off days and times. Call or visit www.PhilipNOW.com to schedule an appointment.	•		800-228-7872 Fax: 425-204-7164	www.PhilipNOW.com	2nd Tuesday of each month, 9am-2pm by appointment.			All types
Seattle Lighting 1811 Hewitt Ave, Everett, WA 98201	Retailer of lamps, lighting, hardware and fixtures. Accepts all fluorescent lamps, \$0.50 charge per bulb. Drop off during regular business hours.			425-252-4151	frontdesk@seattlelighting.com www.seattlelighting.com	Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am - 5pm		•	
Seattle Lighting 222 Second Ave Ext S, Seattle, WA 98104	Retailer of lamps, lighting, hardware and fixtures. Accepts all fluorescent lamps, \$0.50 charge per bulb. Drop off during regular business hours.			206-622-4736	frontdesk@seattlelighting.com www.seattlelighting.com	Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am -5pm, Sun 11am - 5pm			
Seattle Lighting 14505 NE 20th St, Bellevue, WA 98007	Retailer of lamps, lighting, hardware and fixtures. Accepts all fluorescent lamps, \$0.50 charge per bulb. Drop off during regular business hours.			425-455-2110	frontdesk@seattlelighting.com www.seattlelighting.com	Mon - Fri 9am - 8pm, Sat 10am - 6pm, Sun 11am - 5pm	•	•	
Seattle Lighting 300 Andover Park W, Tukwila, WA 98188	Retailer of lamps, lighting, hardware and fixtures. Accepts all fluorescent lamps, \$0.50 charge per bulb. Drop off during regular business hours.			206-575-6224	frontdesk@seattlelighting.com www.seattlelighting.com	Mon - Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 10am - 6pm, Sun 11am - 5pm	•		
Seattle Lighting 10876 Myhre Place NW, Silverdale, WA 98383	Retailer of lamps, lighting, hardware and fixtures. Accepts all fluorescent lamps, \$0.50 charge per bulb. Drop off during regular business hours.			360-692-1551	frontdesk@seattlelighting.com www.seattlelighting.com	Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm, Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 11am - 5pm	•	•	
Seattle Lighting 26 S Hanford St., Seattle, WA 98134	Retailer of lamps, lighting, hardware and fixtures. Accepts all fluorescent lamps, \$0.50 charge per bulb. Drop off during regular business hours.			206-268-3580	frontdesk@seattlelighting.com www.seattlelighting.com	Mon — Fri 6:30am — 6pm, Sat 9am — 5pm			
Seattle Lumber Company 500 16th St SW, Renton, WA 98055	Retail lumber and building supplies.			425-226-4211 Fax: 425-226-4285	www.seattlelumber.com	Mon - Fri 7am - 5pm			
Total Reclaim Inc. 2200 6th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98134	Recycler of numerous potentially hazardous materials, including computers, computer monitors, printers, copy machines, computer peripherals, televisions, domestic appliances, refrigerant gases and fluorescent lamps and ballasts. Accepts drop offs from residents and businesses and provides pick ups of larger volumes.	•	•	206-343-7443 Fax: 206-343-7445	sales@totalreclaim.com www.totalreclaim.com	Mon - Fri 8am - 4:30pm and by appointment	•	•	U-tubes, circular, high intensity discharge lamps and other types.

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